

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December readings:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

Isaiah Ch 61 v10 – Ch62 v 3

Galatians Ch4 v4-7

Luke Ch2 v15-21

**Hymns:**

**18** Angel's from the Realms of Glory

**7** While shepherds watched

**2** In the Bleak Midwinter

**11** Joy to the world

**Collect**

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Prayer for the week**

Dear God,

Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good and the hard things that have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every day. We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that you will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else.

Amen.

**St Aidan's Verse for 2023**

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee. (Psalm 55 v 22)

**Verse for the week**

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.'

Luke Ch2 v 15

In our intercessions, **we are asked to remember those in need:** Katharine Watts, Julie Shute, Margaret Taylor, Tony Mabbatt, Stuart Greenway, Callum Turner, Linda Chambers, Kim Herd, Elaine Turner, Lynee Wells, John and Brenda Mangion, Violet Doyle, Dennis and Jean Pogose, Audrey Pegrum, Lee Jackson, Robert Saints, Anmarie Ayoub, Tammy Bartlett, Helen Bartlett, Muriel Hill, Lydia Petitt, Hilda Pipes, Stephen Sturrock, Mac McCarthy, Elaine Harris, Kevin Barber, Rob Symonds, Lin Edwards, Harvey Saints, Pam Searle.



**Those who have recently departed:**

Barbara Armitage, Sue Gray

**And those whose anniversaries occur this week:**

Grace Blackwell, Alfred Walmsley, Stan Southgate, Inge Cannell, Donald Culver, Winifred Inskip, Winifred Seaney, Bill Perry, Captain Edgar Ashworth

**We also remember those living in residential care or are housebound and less able to get to Church:**

Jean Jones, Betty Burton, Margaret Brooks, Dot Bartlett, Dulcie Moore, Beryl Bristow, Florrie Webb, Jean Lewis.

**Readings for 7<sup>th</sup> January  
Epiphany**

Isaiah Ch60 v1-6

Ephesians Ch3 v1-12

Matthew Ch2 v1-12